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ORLEANS CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE SHORT MORE THAN HALF COMMISSIONERS NEEDED FOR FALL ELECTIONS

BATON ROUGE, LA – Secretary of State Al Ater announces that Orleans Clerk of Court Arthur Morrell's Office will conduct poll commissioner training classes on Saturday, Aug. 26, Tues., Aug. 29 and Thurs. Aug. 31.

Orleans Parish currently has less than half the commissioners necessary, as required by law, signed up to work in order to conduct the fall elections, Sept. 30, Nov. 7 and Dec. 9.

"It is imperative in preserving the integrity of our election system that the voters of Orleans step up to the plate and train to serve as poll commissioners," Ater said. "Our staff will be spread throughout the state helping to conduct the upcoming statewide elections. We will not be able to concentrate all of our time and resources in Orleans as we did during the spring municipal elections."

The commissioner training classes will be conducted as follows:

- Saturday, Aug. 26, Jewish Community Center, 5342 St. Charles Ave., 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 29, Martin Behrman Elementary, 715 Opelousas St., Auditorium, 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 31, University of New Orleans, 2000 Lakeshore Drive, Business Administration Building, room 165, 5:30 p.m.

For those who wish to serve as an election-day poll commissioner and can not attend these classes, please call the Orleans Clerk of Court's Office at (504) 658-9176 or (504) 228-1493. Additional classes will continue to be scheduled until one week prior to the Sept. 30 election.

Register voters who wish to qualify and serve as a poll commissioner must be a qualified voter not entitled to assistance in voting, not a candidate, not a convicted felon, and not a law enforcement officer. A 17 year old may serve as a commissioner if he or she is enrolled in the 12th grade of any Louisiana school or participating at the 12th-grade level in an approved home study program.

To qualify as a poll commissioner and work during an election, a registered voter must attend a training class. Commissioners who have attended one training class will be paid \$50 for working on election day, and those having attended two training classes, receive \$100.

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